

M.U. STUDENT FACED SHOOTING IN MEXICO

Albert von Hoffman Was Taken by Zapatistas for a Carranza Soldier.

RESCUED BY OFFICER

Acquaintance Came Up Just in Time—Spent Summer on Plantation.

To face the loaded rifles of five Mexican soldiers and to be rescued just before those rifles were fired was a recent experience of Albert von Hoffman, a student in the College of Agriculture of the University.

Von Hoffman left for Mexico February 9 to work on his father's coffee plantation, near the city of Jalapa in the state of Vera Cruz. It was on a trip from Jalapa to the plantation that Hoffman had his thrilling experience.

"I was riding along on horseback on my way from Jalapa, our nearest railroad town," he says, "when I suddenly heard the command 'Halt.' Ten Mexicans surrounded me and jerked me roughly from the horse. They went through my pockets and took my money and watch, all the time cursing me for a 'damned Carranzista.' I protested that I was not a Carranzista, but only an owner of a near-by coffee plantation. They would not believe this however, for unfortunately I was wearing khaki trousers and looked much like a Carranzista soldier.

Were Ready for Execution.

"They pulled me along until we came to an adobe wall, and soon five rifles were being loaded for a purpose that seemed to me quite plain. Fortunately an officer came up at this time and demanded an explanation of their actions. 'He's a Carranzista and we are going to shoot him,' was their reply. The officer came up to question me and immediately recognized me, because he had visited our plantation many times. He commanded the men to release me, and then gave me a few words of caution against wearing such clothes.

"While on my father's plantation I met and made friends with a great number of Zapatista soldiers and officers. The headquarters of the Zapatista band for Vera Cruz were only about six miles from the plantation, and several officers' meetings were held in our home. Often I was permitted to attend. One of the best friends I made while in Mexico was Roberto Cejudo, commander-in-chief of all the Zapatista forces in Vera Cruz. My Mexican friends did not know that I was an American, or I would not have been treated in such a friendly manner. They thought that I was a German from the old country. They hate all Americans, because Americans have not treated them squarely. They respect all Germans, because these have been honest in their dealings.

Columbus Incident Made Trouble.

"About a month after I arrived on the plantation I heard of the Columbus incident. The majority of the Zapatistas deplored this. The Americans all around left their plantations, and Zapatista officers took charge of the property. They took an inventory of each place, with the idea of restoring all property after the trouble with the United States was over. Suffering and want later drove them to sack the farms. They needed money and clothes, and this seemed to be the only alternative. Our plantation was never bothered in the least the whole time that I was there.

"Carranza is hated very much in Mexico. The people in the United States do not hear of his high-handed acts because all news that goes out of Mexico is strictly censored. Newspapers in Mexico do not dare say a word against him because they know it will be at the price of their editors' heads. Carranza's greatest ambition is to make money, and in this he is succeeding remarkably well. He is doing it, however, at the price of hunger and starvation of the people. It is said that he went into office without a cent of money and has now more than nine million dollars in a New York bank.

Carranza Watched the Finances.

The financial condition of the country was very interesting to me," says von Hoffman. "Carranza issued a lot of paper money at the ratio of 2 to 1 with American money—that is, 1 peso was worth fifty cents. Then he made the decree that only silver money would be accepted in the payment of government revenues. This immediately caused a depression in the money market. When I arrived in Vera Cruz the value of the bills had dropped to 23 to 1 and later they went to 150 to 1. I paid 750 pesos for a pair of shoes, which in full currency would have amounted to \$375. For one meal I paid 75 pesos, which would have amounted to \$37.50. Much mon-

A GROUP OF ZAPATISTAS



ey was lost and many business houses had to close. Carranza appointed a committee of investigation, which had intervention by the United States, compelled the merchants to open their stores and fix prices of their goods worse than Carranza's tyrannical rule at about one-half the actual cost.

"PUFFY" HOLMES COMES TO STAY

Old M. U. Baseball Catcher Returns to Alma Mater as a Student.

If tradition holds true, the Tigers should put Kansas to flight in football this year, because Walton, otherwise known as "Puffy," Holmes has arrived and the Tigers should feel as though they had found the proverbial horseshoe. Tradition tells that Missouri-Kansas games were always Tiger successes when "Puffy" and his other harbingers of success were present. Perhaps, here's hoping, this will still hold true.

"Puffy" was a student in the University in '06 and '07 and as a Varsity baseball player was one of the best catchers in the Missouri Valley Conference. Since 1907, he has been engaged in business in Kansas City but not so strenuously as to neglect rooting for Old Mizzou on every possible occasion. No University could boast of a more loyal alumnus than "Puffy."

"Puffy" is now enrolled in the University as a special student and intends to go out for Varsity baseball in the spring. This fall, he is a candidate for the position of head cheer leader for the Tigers and says that, if elected, he will use all his "pep" to make Missouri rooting famous throughout the Missouri Valley. "There will be no passed balls, believe me. Every one will go straight over the plate," says "Puffy."

Writes Books on Manual Arts.

Mr. Griffith has written two books, manual arts, has written two books, which were recently published and has one now on the press. His books on "Woodwork for Secondary Schools," a manual for use in high schools, was published in the summer, and his "Woodwork for Beginners," a book for grammar schools has just come from the printer. These have been adopted in the public schools of Boston, Portland, Oregon, and Kansas City, among other places. A book on "Carpentry" he expects will soon be ready for circulation.

Burrows Handling Cross Country.

Prof. H. McC. Burrows is in charge of the track and cross country squads while H. F. Schulte is occupied with the football men. About ten men are coming out regularly for cross country.

FERTILIZER SAMPLES GATHERED

Experiment Station Will Make Tests for Farmers of Missouri.

The experiment station of the College of Agriculture has completed the annual collection of fertilizer samples from the open markets in Missouri. The samples will be analyzed by the experiment station and a detailed bulletin will be published.

The result of this work has been to drive out of the state dishonest fertilizer dealers and to encourage the sale of reliable fertilizers. The annual report issued by the station has become a guide to farmers and dealers who purchase fertilizers in Missouri.

Senior Engineers Elect Officers.

The senior engineers in the University have elected officers for this year. They are: President, Fiske Marbut; vice-president, C. N. Johns; secretary, B. W. Coots; sergeant-at-arms, Clarence Peeples; members of St. Patrick's board, G. A. Delaney, S. W. Thompson and R. B. Warren; St. Patrick's dance committee, C. N. Johns and G. C. Black; editor of the Shamrock, C. J. Hubbard; business manager, Louis Suetter; associate editor, A. D. Russell. There will be a smoker at 7:15 o'clock tomorrow night in the Electrical Laboratory for all students in engineering.

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ORGANIZATIONS CHANGE HOMES

Many Moves Made During Summer—One New Home Is Built.

Changes in occupants of Columbia's rented chapter houses were made during the summer.

The members of the Phi Kappa Psi are in a temporary home on Rollins street, awaiting the completion of their new home on Providence road. The Kappa Alpha fraternity has moved into the house at 809 College avenue vacated by the Phi Kappa Psi's. The Chi Omega sorority has rented the former Kappa Alpha house at 713 Hitt street.

Another organization that moved during the summer is the Faculty Union, which now occupies Pemberton Hall.

Engineering Alumni Aid Students.

H. H. Kinyon, University publisher, has received a letter from the Engineering Alumni Club in St. Louis saying that it has added an employment bureau to aid the members and engineering students near the close of the senior year. The club has elect-

ed new officers; Chairman, L. W. Fowler, '09; Secretary and Treasurer, Helmreich, '11; Vice-chairman, T. R. W. Burden, '12.

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At present prices for white paper, no newspaper can afford to give its product away any more than a grocer can afford to give away five-pound packages of sugar.

If a grocer did this, his customers would think he was either crazy, or obtained his support from some source outside his grocery business. People are coming to the knowledge

that every commodity has a certain value and that stores or businesses of any kind must charge for their product, and this charge must include a profit if the business is to continue.

When a man buys a suit of clothes—when a woman buys a new dress—there must be a charge that covers cost of production and legitimate profit to the merchant who handles the product. If the merchant gives the suit away, certainly he expects to make it back in some future overcharge.

When subscribers receive free papers with no explanation of the reason, there is some motive back of the gift.

People should always look gift horses in the mouth.

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